

Response to Paper No. 6 Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Application Serial No. 09/345,448
Attorney Docket No.: 23452-078 (Formerly 52817.000079)

over Friedes in view of Reisman and further in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,141,653 issued to Conklin *et. al.* (“Conklin”). Claims 4, 9, 12, 19, and 21-32 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Friedes in view of Reisman and further in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,020,980 issued to Freeman (“Freeman”). Claims 5, 10, and 20 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Friedes in view of Reisman and further in view of U.S. Patent Number 5,038,601 issued to Lambert *et. al.* (“Lambert”). Therefore, claims 1-32 are pending.

Rejections Under 35 USC § 103(a)

Independent claims 1, 6, 11, and 16 stand rejected as allegedly being unpatentable over Friedes in view of Reisman. Applicants respectfully traverse. The Office Action alleges that Friedes discloses a subscriber’s database and a subscription requesting means for enabling a user to request a subscription of at least one non-web document from at least one database as claimed. The Office Action refers Applicants’ attention to the Abstract, column 7, lines 44-67, and column 8, lines 1-8. Friedes, however, does not appear to disclose a system for enabling a system user to request a subscription of at least one non-web document and at least one database as claimed. Friedes discloses “a system for processing a database-queried call uses the call processing capabilities of a carrier’s database and a subscriber’s database as part of a total communication switching system.” See abstract.

Friedes describes database-queried communications services as “800 and 900 services which require information look-up in order to route each call.” Column 1, line 16-18. Friedes, therefore, is directed to “allow database-queried telephone calls to be

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efficiently handled and completed using in a cooperative manner, the aggregate call processing capabilities of a subscriber's database and a carrier's database as part of a total communications switching system." Column 4, lines 4-8. A subscriber as described in Friedes appears to relate merely to a telephone subscriber. The subscriber may not request a subscription for non-web documents from a database. "The subscriber's database uses information from diverse sources to formulate a processing label for the call." Column 4, lines 15-17. Friedes appears to use information in a database to route a call. This information, however, does not appear to be a subscription to which a telephone subscriber may subscribe. Friedes does not appear to be directed to a system for providing a subscription to at least one non-web document as claimed.

Applicants' invention, however, is directed to a system that enables the user to request a subscription of at least one non-web document from at least one database. The subscription may be a request for information to be delivered to a user from one or more of a plurality of computer applications. The user may define a subscription by identifying subscription parameters, such as information to be searched for, delivery means, and a time interval in which to provide the subscription. Applicants' invention is not directed to routing a call for an 800 or 900 service.

As discussed above, Friedes is directed to a call-routing system whereas Applicants' invention is directed to receiving information updates based on a subscription requested by a user. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Friedes is non-analogous art and may not be used to reject Applicants' invention. Applicants further respectfully submit that Friedes and Reisman are non-analogous art. Friedes, as stated above, appears to be directed to a call-routing system. Reisman, however, appears to

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relate to an electronic track information transport system. Nowhere does Reisman appear to disclose a system for routing database-queried calls as disclosed by Friedes. Therefore, one of ordinary skill in the art would not look to Reisman to modify Friedes. Therefore, there is no motivation to combine Friedes and Reisman. Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 6, 11, and 16 are allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

Dependent claims 2-5, 7-10, 12-15, and 17-32 depend from at least one of independent claims 1, 6, 11, and 16. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are also allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

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CONCLUSION



It is respectfully submitted that this Application is in condition for allowance and such disposition is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference or interview would advance prosecution of this application in any manner, the undersigned stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

It is believed that no fees are due in connection with filing this Response. In the event that it is determined that fees are due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-1553.

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